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to your Minister of Foreign Affairs and his associates in the Ministry.

I write this, Your Majesty, to express personally to you the seriousness with which I regard this Soviet step. It is my sincere desire that the problems which result from it may be ~~xx~~ resolved peacefully in a manner consistent with the interests of the free nations of the world and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, but resolved they must be.

Your nation and mine have shared many common interests and objectives. I believe firmly that what may appear as a matter of primary concern to those of us in the Western Hemisphere is of equal concern to all those who border the Atlantic. My particular hope is that countries of North and West Africa do not become transit points for the shipment of to the Western Hemisphere of material of war. I might say in confidence that several of the ~~xx~~ these countries have already agreed privately that they will not ~~xx~~ allow Soviet overflights.

I would welcome Your Majesty's personal attention to such ~~xx~~ ways to assist us in preventing any further augmentation of the ~~xx~~ threat created by the presence of offensive missiles in Cuba.

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy UNQUOTE

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